

**Adequate Health Care Task Force  
Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday June 27th, 2006  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Michael A. Bilandic Building  
160 North LaSalle Street, Room N-502  
Chicago, Illinois**

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*Illinois Public Act 93-0973, formerly House Bill 2268, creates the Health Care Justice Act and encourages the State of Illinois to implement a health care plan that provides access to a full range of preventive, acute, and long-term health care services; maintains and improves the quality of health care services offered to Illinois residents, and meets other criteria. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is required, subject to an appropriation or availability of other funds, to enter into a contract with an "independent research entity" experienced in assessing health care reforms, financing, and care delivery models. The provisions of this legislation establish an "Adequate Health Care Task Force" with 29 voting members: five to be appointed by the Governor, and six appointments made by each of the four leaders of the General assembly (the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader, and the President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader). The Directors of the Departments of Public Health, Public Aid, Aging, and Insurance, along with the Secretary of the Department of Human Services, are to be invited to meetings of the "Adequate Health Care Task Force," but are not included in the Task Force's membership. The Department of Public Health is required to be "the primary agency in providing administrative support" to the Task Force.*

*This legislation provides for public hearings in each Illinois Congressional District, and a website detailing the work of the Task Force, accessible through the Governor's internet home page, is to be established and maintained. Printed copies of Task Force information are to be made available for persons who lack access to the Internet website. A Task Force report, detailing recommendations for a health care access plan as specified within the legislation, is to be submitted to the General Assembly by March 15, 2006. The bill encourages the General Assembly to consider legislation enacting the Task Force recommendations by December 31, 2006. The Act took effect July 1, 2004.*

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**Steering Committee Members in Attendance:** David Koehler; Dr. Wayne Lerner, Chair; Joseph Roberts; Ruth Rothstein

**Steering Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Quentin Young

**Illinois Department of Public Health Staff:** David Carvalho; Sarah Duggan Goldstein,

**Guests:** Stephani Becker; Elena Butkus; Lynn Taylor; Heather Brown-Paulson; Megan Meagher; Margaret Stapleton

## **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

Dr. Wayne Lerner, Chair, called the Adequate Health Care Task Force Steering Committee meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM.

## **II. Discussion of the Outcomes of the Adequate Health Care Task Force Meeting**

Dr. Lerner and the Steering Committee reviewed the results of the Task Force meeting. Steering Committee members continue to stress the need to keep Task Force members focused on the process and on moving forward, and not on any special interests that individual task force members may have.

## **II. Additional Steering Committee Meeting**

As was discussed at the end of the Task Force meeting, an additional Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. All Task Force members will be urged to attend this meeting, at which the format for the July meeting will be discussed, and a vote will be taken on the evaluation criteria. Although only steering committee members will vote on the evaluation criteria, input from all Task Force members will be encouraged and considered.

An e-mail message relaying the time, place and agenda for this additional Steering Committee meeting will be sent to the Task Force as soon as possible by Illinois Department of Public Health Staff.

## **III. Agenda for July 25th Task Force Meeting**

The July meeting will consist of an all day discussion of the models developed by the research entity, as well as a presentation by Navigant Consulting. Discussion of the evaluation criteria and the plans would follow by all Task Force members.

It is recognized that one plan may not fit all the evaluation criteria nor will one plan fit all the needs of all members of the Task Force. As a result, a "patchwork" plan may need to be pieced together from multiple plans. Encouraging agreement and compromise from all members will be sought through the facilitated process.

As clarification, it is noted that more than one plan can be recommended for further discussion at the August meeting.

## **IV. Adjournment**

Dr. Lerner adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 PM.

**Action:**

- The research entity will model the proposed plans for presentation to the Task Force by July 25th.
- IDPH staff will e-mail information regarding the July 7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting.
- IDPH staff will prepare meeting minutes prior to the July 25<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The Steering Committee will meet immediately after the Task Force meeting (approximately 1:30PM) on Tuesday, July 25th, 2006. This meeting will take place in room N-505 of the Michael A. Bilandic Building located at 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago, IL.

The following Steering Committee meeting will take place immediately after the Task Force meeting (approximately 4:00PM) on Tuesday, August 16th, 2006. This meeting will take place in room N-505 of the Michael A. Bilandic Building located at 160 North LaSalle Street in Chicago, IL.